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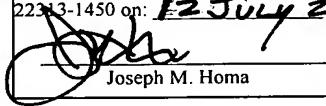
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of April 12, 2006, please amend the above-identified as follows:

A listing of claims amended by the Reply mailed on November 7, 2005 begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 23 of this paper.